

REMARKS

In this Response, Applicant deletes claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-14, and 29. Amendments to the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution and do not constitute an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant reserves the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or a subsequent application. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 26-28, which have been allowed, are pending.

A. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the present Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). By the amendments herein, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-14, and 29 have been canceled thereby obviating their rejection.

B. Allowed Claims

In the present Office Action, claims 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 26-28 are allowed. By the amendments herein, the application is now in condition for allowance.

C. Summary

In the present Office Action, claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 11-15, 18-19, 22-23 and 26-29 were examined. Claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 11-14, and 29 are rejected. Claims 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 26-28 are allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-14, and 29 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 26-28, which have been allowed, are presented for further examination and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that none of the references, alone or in combination, anticipate or make obvious the invention as presently claimed and that the application is now in condition for allowance.. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, reconsideration

and further examination of the application and the Examiner is respectfully requested to take such proper actions so that a patent will issue herefrom as soon as possible.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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